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SUBJ: JOHNSON/SEменов LUNCH NOVEMBER 5, 1976 (SALT TWO-
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1. AT LUNCHEON I GAVE FOR SEMENOV AND HIS WIFE THIS AFTERNOON, I STRESSED TO HIM CONTINUITY IN AMERICAN GOVERNMENTAL PROCESS IN SPITE OF CHANGES BROUGHT ABOUT BY ELECTIONS AND MY INTENTION TO CONTINUE "BUSINESS AS USUAL" IN THE HOPE OF MOVING AHEAD AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE UPON THOSE ISSUES WITH WHICH WE WERE SEIZED. IN DISCUSSING MIRV VERIFICATION, I PUT TO HIM THAT IN CONVERSATIONS WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF SOVIET DELEGATION SOME MEMBERS OF MY DELEGATION HAD RECEIVED IMPRESSION THAT AT DERAZHNYA AND PERVOMAISK SOVIETS WERE SAYING THAT NEWLY CONSTRUCTED LAUNCHERS WERE IN FACT THE 60 LAUNCHERS THAT WERE MIRV'ED, WHERE OUR SUPPOSITION WAS THAT IF ANY WERE NOT MIRV'ED, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN THIS GROUP BECAUSE THEY WERE COMPLETED PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF SS-19 TESTING. ALSO, IN REFERRING TO MY NOVEMBER 2 PLENARY STATEMENT, I SAID THAT THE "ADDITIONAL FEATURES" TO WHICH
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I REFERRED IN THAT STATEMENT WERE ONLY ASSOCIATED WITH

ONE OF THE REMAINING GROUPS OF 60 AND, IN LIGHT OF THIS, WE WERE AT A LOSS TO INTERPRET AND CORRELATE OUR OWN OBSERVATIONS WITH THEIR STATEMENTS TO US AND "WERE MORE PUZZLED THAN EVER." HE CONFINED HIMSELF TO "OFFICIALLY INFORMING" ME THAT THERE WERE ONLY 60 LAUNCHERS AT DERAZHNYA AND PERVOMAISK THAT WERE MIRV'ED AND SAID HE WAS IN NO POSITION TO ANSWER MY QUESTIONS.

2. IT WAS LEFT THAT WE WILL AGAIN MEET PRIVATELY ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9. JOHNSON

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